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A Monthly Educational Update About Your:
Water • Wastewater • Storm Water Systems



Many changes and improvements are occurring within the City's water, wastewater, and storm water systems. The City of Evans believes that transparency is the best way to encourage an educated, involved, and supportive community. This is a series of mini-newsletters that will be included with your utility bill each month providing you information about the changes to rates, progress of the Wastewater Plant Improvement Project, tips on conservation, and additional educational information. Our goal is to share how the City uses money received by our utility customers to maintain and improve utility services.

We support strong and reliable water, wastewater and storm water systems because they are an important part of a healthy community. For more information and detail on these utility systems go to www.evanscolorado.gov. For questions, please call (970) 475-1170 or email us at water@evanscolorado.gov.

Wastewater in Evans: Then & Now

- The City of Evans has two wastewater treatment facilities.
 - The Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at 1st Avenue and 37th Street was built in the early 1960s and sits in the 100-year floodplain.
 - The second facility is the Hill-N-Park Wastewater Treatment Facility, built in the late 1970s and located at 49th Street and 35th Avenue. The Hill-N-Park facility is not in the floodplain.
- In Evans, our Wastewater system is part of an Enterprise Fund, meaning that it is operated like a business and receives no Tax Revenue. Enterprise Funds are funded through user fees and pays for operating, maintenance, and improvement expenditures.
- The 2014 projected operating loss for Wastewater was \$110,000 (prior to recent rate increases), not including flood response. Flood response costs are approximately \$365,000 that will be funded from our reserves and grants.
- The 2013 flood caused serious damage to the Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility, highlighting the vulnerability of maintaining a treatment facility in a floodplain.
- Until the floodwaters receded and temporary fixes could be made, for eight days most of our residents could not flush their toilets.
- Aside from the damage rendered from the flood, our wastewater treatment system needs repairs both for long-term functionality and expanded capacity to comply with state requirements.
- The Evans Utility Task Force, the Evans Water and Sewer Board, and City Council have been studying options to develop a reliable and expanded wastewater treatment system in the most financially responsible manner.
- After weighing all the options, the Utility Task Force, the Water and Sewer Board, and City Council believe that consolidating treatment facilities now is the option that will best serve our community.
 - Immediate actions include making repairs to the existing Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility so that it can continue to function reliably while the new additions are being designed and constructed at Hill-N-Park.
 - Simultaneously, the process to design, get necessary approvals and construct a consolidated wastewater treatment facility at Hill-N-Park will begin. New, updated treatment processes will be added to the existing facility to expand treatment capacity while increasing reliability and treated wastewater quality. It is estimated that the consolidated facility work will be completed by 2019.

